GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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EMPLOYMENT FOR POOR AGRICULTURISTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to create income/generate employment for the livelihood of the poor agriculturists of our country, whenever the monsoon fails, in order to save them from starvation; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): The Government in order to protect the interests of farmers from vagaries of nature and reduce the risk in agriculture and to impart greater resilience against droughts, is making all efforts for drought proofing of rainfed areas. Government is also promoting diversified agricultural activities to supplement the income of farmers. Department of Rural Development is implementing employment generation schemes for the benefit of rural poor.